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General Disclosure Laws

Indiana has a general disclosure law requiring health facilities that provide or offer Alzheimer’s and dementia special care to prepare a written disclosure that contains certain information, including information about specialized dementia education and training for staff.

Comprehensive Care Facilities

Indiana regulation specifies the training and education requirements for administrators/directors at Comprehensive Care Facilities (nursing homes) that provide or offer Alzheimer’s and dementia special care units. The director must have a minimum of 12 hours of dementia-specific training, and six (6) hours of continuing education yearly thereafter.

In addition, the regulations outline the training and education requirements for nurse aides hired to work in Comprehensive Care Facilities (nursing homes), and require that nurse aides have an unspecified subset of a 30 hour general requirement in instruction in the care of cognitively impaired residents (including techniques for addressing the unique needs and behaviors of individuals with dementia, communicating with cognitively impaired residents, understanding the behavior of cognitively impaired residents, the appropriate responses to these residents, and methods of reducing the effects of cognitive impairments). In addition, staff who have regular contact with residents and those assigned to a dementia special care unit must have six (6) hours of dementia-specific training when first employed, and three (3) hours annually thereafter.

Residential Care Facilities

Indiana regulation specifies the training and education requirements for administrators/directors at Residential Care Facilities (assisted living) that provide or offer Alzheimer’s and dementia special care units. The director must have a minimum of 12 hours of dementia-specific training, and six (6) hours of continuing education yearly thereafter.
In addition, the regulation outlines the training and education requirements for employees hired to work in Personal Care Facilities (assisted living facilities), including direct care staff. All employees must have instruction on the needs of specialized populations, including dementia. In addition, staff who have contact with residents must have six (6) hours of dementia-specific training when first employed, and three (3) hours annually thereafter.

Law Enforcement

Indiana law requires mandatory training for Law Enforcement Officers in the State of Indiana. Officers are not eligible for continued employment unless the officer satisfactorily completes the mandatory in-service training in interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease or related senile dementia, to be provided by persons approved by the secretary of family and social services and the board. The training must include six (6) hours of training in interacting with certain vulnerable populations, including individuals with Alzheimer's disease. Note: There is proposed legislation pending in Indiana that would amend this statute.

Medicaid waiver

A Medicaid waiver covers services in assisted living.